



**Date:** January 27, 2006  
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**Subject:** City Report For Week Ending January 26, 2006

The following weekly update highlighting various activities for the week ending January 26, 2006 is provided for your information. I hope you will find this information useful. Please feel free to contact my staff should you have any questions.

### **MAJOR WEEKLY HIGHLIGHTS**

#### **City Manager: C-17 Red Team**

On January 24, the C-17 Red Team, which includes public and private sector agencies at local, regional, state and federal levels, made a presentation to City Council regarding the Team's efforts to date, as well as future plans, to save the production of Boeing's C-17 in Long Beach, CA.

As the last largest military aircraft production line in the U.S., more than 6,500 people are employed at the C-17 plant in Long Beach. The program has more than 700 suppliers in 42 states, creating approximately 30,000 jobs and \$8.4 billion in national economic impact.

#### **Parks, Recreation and Marine**

Congresswoman Juanita Millender-McDonald was honored for her support of Long Beach's selection last year as one of the 100 Best Communities for Young People by America's Promise, the Alliance for Youth, at the January 25 Commission on Youth and Children's monthly meeting. Representatives from the Youth Services NETWORK, at El Dorado Park West community center, were among the 65 people in attendance.

The Commission, made up of nine young people and 10 adults, meets on the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of each month, at 5:00 p.m., at the Parks, Recreation and Marine Administrative Building on Studebaker Road. Meetings are open to the public.

### **UPCOMING EVENTS AND PROJECTS**

#### **Public Works and Community Development**

On **Saturday, January 28, 1:00 pm** the community is invited to celebrate the formal dedication of the long-awaited Colorado Lagoon Wetland and Marine Science Education Center, and the presentation of \$3.8 million check from the California State Water Board to the City of Long Beach to begin the restoration of the Lagoon.

## **UPCOMING EVENTS AND PROJECTS**

### **Public Works and Community Development (continued)**

The celebration at Colorado Lagoon is from 1:00 – 3:00 pm on Saturday with the dedication and presentation scheduled for 2:00 p.m. The Center is located on Appian Way between Park Avenue and Colorado Street. Visitors will recognize the site from the distinctive new mural on the Center depicting life at Colorado Lagoon. The celebration will provide two hours of fun activities including hands-on science activities for kids, walking tours, food, music and lots of other activities.

### **Parks, Recreation and Marine, Community Recreation Programs**

On Friday, **February 3**, from 5 to 9 p.m., the Long Beach Senior Center will host the Sweetheart's Dinner Dance. Seniors will enjoy a delicious meal, catered by the Friendly Cup Café, from 5:00 to 6:00 p.m. and then dance to the live sounds of the Long Beach Community Band's Blue Pacific Jazz Band from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m.

## **PUBLIC SAFETY**

### **Police**

Citywide, police officers responded to 626 priority one calls; 1,453 priority two calls; and 1,249 priority three calls for service, for a total of 3,328.

The Vice Detail conducted a John program in the area of PCH and Magnolia Avenue. Officers made 10 arrests and towed eight vehicles.

The Traffic Section conducted a citywide warrant arrest operation. Warrants are issued to drivers who have been issued citations and fail to appear in court. Officers went to 51 locations and made 19 arrests.

### **Fire**

During the last two weeks, the Fire Department responded to a total of 2,737 emergency calls for service: 268 calls for fires, of which 36 involved structures; and 1,419 emergency medical calls, of which 1,014 required paramedics.

## **NEIGHBORHOODS**

### **Fire**

Station 13 Firefighters made presentations to Hudson Elementary 1<sup>st</sup> grade students during Career Day on January 27.

### **Parks, Recreation and Marine, Planning and Development Bureau**

Forms are continuing to be set for pouring the foundation slab and the wall footings for the new pool locker rooms at Martin Luther King, Jr. Park.

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### **NEIGHBORHOODS**

#### **Parks, Recreation and Marine, Planning and Development Bureau**

Framing and rough plumbing work is continuing in the shower areas of the pool locker rooms in Silverado Park. Interior door jams were installed this week.

Irrigation main lines and controller wires were installed this week at Davenport Park on 55th Way near Paramount Blvd. Rough electrical for park lighting is being installed.

Concrete walkways are being demolished and forms are being set for new concrete slabs that will hold wheelchair-accessible picnic tables being installed at Birdcage Park and at Lilly Park. These improvements are part of Phase II of accessibility improvements being made to parks citywide for compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).

### **SPECIAL EVENTS**

#### **Parks, Recreation and Marine, Community Recreation Programs**

On January 21, staff from Bixby Park, Cesar E. Chavez Park, College Estates Park, Stearns Champions Park, the Adaptive Recreation Program, and the Long Beach Senior Center assisted Whaley Park staff in presenting Snow Day to the public. Over 3,000 people of all ages participated in sledding, moon bounces, games, arts and crafts, listened to music, and enjoyed hot dogs and hot chocolate.

On January 21, Belmont Plaza Olympic Pool hosted the Southern California Swim Festival, with approximately 700 athletes and spectators in attendance.

#### **Parks, Recreation and Marine, Special Events and Filming Bureau**

CBS Productions, Inc., with a cast and crew of 95, filmed a TV Show *CSI/Miami* at Seaside Way, at 1<sup>st</sup> St. and Linden Ave., and at the Long Beach Convention Center on January 26.

### **OTHER ITEMS OF NOTE**

#### **Long Beach Gas & Oil, Gas Services Bureau**

Staff completed a total of 2,448 service calls. This total included 662 Gas and Water Utility Turn Ons, and 666 Turn Offs. During this period, 958 Customer Service Orders were completed for services that included lighting pilots, adjusting and inspecting appliances, completing fumigation orders, and verifying read orders. A total of 162-meter maintenance and billing related orders were completed. In addition, Gas Control/Dispatch (24/7 operation) received 576 emergency phone calls that resulted in 143 emergency orders being sent out.

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**OTHER ITEMS OF NOTE (Continued)**

**Construction Projects**

**Long Beach Gas & Oil, Gas Services Bureau**

Install gas pipes at:

- Linden Avenue; De Forrest Park area.

Estimated completion: 4/12/06

Rebuilding gas regulator station at Quincy Ave and Vista Street.

Estimated completion: 2/17/06

Install gas pipes at:

- 71st Way between Myrtle Avenue and Orange Avenue
- Atlantic Place A/E of Atlantic Place and Eastondale Avenue between 72nd and Myrtle Avenue

Start of project: 12/12/05. Estimated completion: 1/27/06.

Install gas pipes at:

- Orange Avenue - between Lewis and Cherry Avenues.

Estimated completion: 4/24/06

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